

KILLING NEGROES.

It would be pleasant if we could in all things agree with our friend of the Press and Banner. Since, however, that is not possible; and since we too have assumed to be, in part, the representative and exponent of the people among whom we live, it becomes our duty to notice and reply to an article contained in the last issue of the Press and Banner, which does a great injustice to our people and our section.

Based on its indictment upon the report of the recent killing of a negro by a policeman in Laurens, and the killing of one in Mecklenburg, N. C., it proceeds to arraign the white people of this section on the charge of killing negroes "at their own sweet will, or on the slightest provocation."

Although the published facts show that the white men who were actors in the two tragedies which have stirred the foundation of our neighbor's pity, were held blameless, the Press and Banner assumes that the papers which published these facts have wilfully falsified the facts, and that the negroes were brutally shot down in cold blood, and asserts in substance that this is nearly always the case in encounters between whites and blacks.

Perhaps we would not have felt impelled to notice this article if the people of Abbeville had not been specifically included in this sweeping arraignment, in the following language:

"It is a disgrace to our civilization that these poor, helpless creatures may be wantonly killed at any time with perfect impunity, and the Charlotte Observer may cease to make any pretensions for an equal administration of the law if such killing is to go unpunished. We claim no exemption of blame for Abbeville County or this Judicial Circuit if there has been dereliction in the prosecution of white men for the killing of negroes, and we believe no white man has ever suffered for any assault upon a negro, although numbers of them have been slain."

We are not the apologist of criminals, and we defend no man who wantonly and without provocation commits murder. But we promptly and earnestly raise our voices against this wholesale arraignment of the people of a whole section, upon belief and supposition. It has long been a favorite theory of the editor of the Press and Banner that the true province of the journalist is to give the facts of every matter it discusses. Let him give to the public some facts to account for his strange opinions and remarkable charges against the white people of this County.

Our contemporary affects to believe that negroes are systematically and constantly shot down by white men without pretext or color. Now since we have lived in this community we can recall but two instances in which negroes has been killed by white men, and that was done in self defence. On the contrary the cases of homicide that have been tried within this time have been of white men who killed white men, and negroes who killed negroes. Our neighbor knows that the lynching that occurred here a year ago, was universally condemned and denounced. Moreover, as the Greenville News says, deadly encounters are not ayt between white and black men, unless the latter are the aggressors. If a negro offends a white man—he cannot assault himself, because he is his inferior—the white man punishes the offender immediately and personally, and it is very seldom that recourse is had to deadly weapons.

Our contemporary assumes that there is a tacit agreement on the part of the Courts and juries to let go scott-free every white man who assaults a negro and to punish every negro who assaults a white man. At the last term of the Court for this County a negro who was indicted for an assault committed against a white man was acquitted by a jury composed wholly of white men. The evidence was strong against him but the jury gave him the benefit of the doubt. At every term of our Court negroes are defended for every grade of offense by able counsel, without reward or the hope of reward.

We shall always promptly join the Press and Banner in the denunciation of unprovoked and willful murder, but we shall judge each case upon its particular state of facts.

To this charge of murder, to which a people who have ever been brave, generous and kind, are brought to answer at the bar of the public opinion of the whole country, we enter an earnest plea of "not guilty."

INAUGURATION.

Gov. Thompson and Lt. Gov. Sheppard were inaugurated for their second term in the presence of the General Assembly and the Supreme Court, and the Judges of the Circuit and U. S. Courts, and many visitors on last Thursday.

Gov. Thompson has made a wise, conservative and faithful Chief Executive, and in entering for the second time upon the duties of office to which he was elected without solicitation or desire on his part, he has the pleasant knowledge that he possesses the love and confidence of the people.

Lt. Gov. Sheppard presides over the Senate with the same skill and dignity that distinguished him as Speaker of the House.

We are indebted to Col. Aiken for copies of the Congressional Record.

THE MILITIA.

The present Legislature is no exception to its predecessors in its policy of non-interference to the militia. Every sensible man must know that our emergency and need of an armed force will come suddenly and without warning, if it comes at all, and that in that emergency the value of even a small drilled and equipped force accustomed to obey, to stem the tide of riot or disorder till the posse of County can be raised, is very great.

And we know whereof we speak when we say that the burden of expense of keeping up militia organizations is no light one to the members thereof.

Nevertheless, if our Legislators think there is no need of such organizations then let them abolish the whole military branch of the State government, and have done with the force of trying to keep up a militia without aid from the State.

EDITORIAL NOTES.

"R. H. H." writing to the Medium from Columbia bewails the fact that there is a big hole in the ceiling of the hall of the House of Representatives, right over his seat, through which "the blue dome of heaven" is visible, and the rain falls. And intimates that the State ought to finish the State House as it has money to spend on big Universities and Canals. We agree with him that the State House ought to be finished, and as he is himself a Legislator let him take the matter in hand, and with his energy and influence carry to completion that which has long been only talked about. This would be better than simply "watching Tom."

The Edgefield Advertiser with its last number entered on its forty-ninth year. Since we first were taught to read we have read the Advertiser, and we hope to continue that pleasure for many years. It is unique and has a style essentially its own. It has nearly completed an existence of fifty years. We hope it may live another half century.

A QUESTION arose in the Legislature the other day over the costs of Attorneys in References before Masters. Some lawyers who love cheap notoriety at the expense of others wanted to cut them down, whereupon Col. Simonton moved to take from Attorneys all costs in proceedings before Masters. Served them right!

The bill to appoint stenographers in all the Circuits was defeated in the Senate, but came up again yesterday. Surely the opinion of the lawyers and Judges ought to control in this matter and they all urge the importance and economy of these officers.

PRESIDENT-ELECT CLEVELAND says he is not now engaged in Cabinet-making. He had better be making up his mind. The applicants will be "as thick as leaves that strew the brooks in Valambrosa."

The South Carolina delegation in Congress assigned to Col. Aiken, as senior member, the sad duty of presenting to Congress the fact of the death of Col. J. H. Evans.

LEGISLATIVE PROCEEDINGS.

House of Representatives.

COLUMBIA, December 5.—The Columbia Female College students, who had come to witness the inauguration ceremonies and who occupied the gallery, were present and were evidently interested in the remarks of Mr. Farrow. Like the traditional gods of the theatrical gallery, these goddesses of the legislative gallery were the most appreciative element of Mr. Farrow's audience. The bill, said Mr. Farrow, was meant for the protection of the character of women. The law degrades the institution of marriage when it stoops to weigh the damages which she has sustained by the failure of a man to carry out his promise to marry her. The violation of any such promise was no damage to a virtuous woman. [Sensation among the goddesses.] A woman who was so treated by a man was rather to be congratulated upon her escape from an unworthy partner, and the taking of the case into Court had a demoralizing tendency. There was more in this bill, continued Mr. Farrow, than was apparent, and while he bowed to the wisdom of the judiciary committee who had reported it adversely, he trusted that the House would consent to its continuance until the next session.

COLUMBIA, December 6.—To amend the charter of the town of Due West; to amend the General Statutes in relation to drawing and empanelling juries; to extend the time for filing past due school claims.

To incorporate the Greenwood, Abbeville and Elberton Railroad Company; to limit the age of persons attending the public schools to sixteen years.

Bills to amend the General Statutes in relation to costs in equity causes, and to give livery stable keepers a lien on stock as security for their feed, were rejected. Upon taking up for consideration bills on the calendar, the lawyers crossed swords in a spirited contest over the first one—being a Bill to permit a creditor to attack a fraudulent deed of his debtor without first obtaining judgment against him. After some amendments, a motion was made to strike out the enacting clause. Messrs. Haskell, Simonton, A. L. Youmans, Thompson and Brown favored, and Messrs. Brawley, Ansel, Scudder, McCredy and L. F. Youmans opposed the bill. It was killed by an overwhelming vote.

COLUMBIA, December 9.—Bill to limit attorneys' costs in cases of reference. This is the bill which the lawyers of the House discussed some days ago and which was finally passed in such a shape as to provide that no fees shall hereafter be allowed attorneys in references before Masters or Referers. It is needless to say that it will be killed in the Senate.

SENATE.

COLUMBIA, December 6.—The following Bill was passed: To amend an Act

entitled "An Act to alter and amend the charter of the town of Greenwood," approved March 13, 1872.

COLUMBIA, December 9.—By Senator Moody—To regulate the granting of licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquors within incorporated cities and towns. This bill vests the power to grant licenses in the County Commissioners of the County in which the municipality is situated, and the sums arising from the licenses are to be paid into the County treasury for the use of the County. No license fee shall be less than \$200. No application for a license shall be considered unless it is endorsed with the approval of the municipal authorities of the city or town in which it is desired to sell liquor. The bill is to apply only to municipalities where liquor is now allowed to be sold.

By Senator Moore, of Anderson—To authorize the City Council of Anderson to issue bonds in aid of an additional subscription to the Savannah Valley Railroad, to validate the city ordinance and election authorizing the same, and to authorize a consolidation of the bonds with a former issue for the same purpose.

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